GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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FIRST AID FACILITIES IN FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases of passengers death during flights in Indian Airlines Aircraft have been reported;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last one year; and

(c) the efforts made to train air-hostesses with first aid measures and provide adequate first aid box in each flight especially to attend heart and asthma patients?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The number of passenger deaths during flights in Indian Airlines Aircraft from October, 2000 to Oct., 2001 is four. These deaths were not due to any accident or incident on board.

(c): The Cabin Crew (Airhostess/Flight Stewards) are trained in first and adminstration as per requirements in the Training Manual approved by DGCA to deal with the medical emergencies. Such training is imparted at the time of initial induction in the service and also through regular periodical refresher courses. The Cabin Crew are trained to attend heart and asthma partients also.

Each aircraft is equipped with prescribed number of first aid boxes and physician`s kit (which can be used by any qualified doctor on board). The first aid boxes and physician`s kit contain most of the life supporting medicianes in compliance of instructions issued by DGCA.